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From: John B. Troost, President

LA County Commission on Disabilities

Subject: Presidents Report for May 15th

Within the last few weeks Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Neal and myself had a very nice telephone conference call about reaching out to County Departments to obtain their involvement and participation in our monthly meetings. Thank you Commissioner Miller for your continued effort and support both Commissioner Neal and I, along with others around this table are looking forward to your report today. Since our call, Emma and Roy were able to locate the original Ordinance of the Commission back in 1975 I hope that you can share your thoughts on the ordinance since you won't be here for the Executive Committee meeting following this meeting, your ideas would be very much appreciated.

We have great news concerning the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor ramp dedication in the Memory of Ernest T. Hamilton which Janet will talk about during her Report.

#### My ACCESS SERVICES REPORT:

I was talking with a friend of mine who is taking care of her Sister, who is Developmentally Challenged, and she attends an Adult Day Care Program at Casa Colina in Pomona Valley five days a week. She commutes from the West LA Beach Area, via ACCESS Services, and is usually picked up on time each week day morning, but her return trip home time varies from 6:30 to 11:00 PM. I am just wondering why the return drop off times have to vary so much, especially being a routine ride, day in and day out, probably for years. This was a casual conversation over dinner at a wedding reception, but I would think that because of the repetitive nature of the ride, even though it is a far commute, the ride back home wouldn't be so long, and be more refined as the months and years go by. From past experience, I know that most Day Care or Work experience programming usually run from 9 AM – 4 PM.

At the end of my April ACCESS Evaluation I was handed my green TAP Card as I was getting ready to be lifted onto the van, when I got home I noticed that the card that I received back had a new expiration of 10/15, and then two weeks later I received a duplicate card in the mail, which I have right here. I am having difficulties understanding why I was issued two identical cards.

Last week I had the pleasure of riding down here in a brand new Van which had an automatic remote controlled ramp which disappears under the vehicle. I thoroughly enjoyed the silent smooth ride down here last week it sure beats the whining transmission and power steering

noises that I was getting used to hearing. I hope that Mr. Burns, during his report will tell us more about the new vans.